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· MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 119-75-7

L. SOUTH YEMEN-SAUDI ARABIA: SOUTH YEMEN IS APPARENTLY READY TO MAKE A RESPONSE TO SAUDI ARABIAN DEMANDS THAT THE NATIONAL FRONT REGIME END ITS SUPPORT FOR THE DHOFAR REBELS IN OMAN-Y

THE SOUTH YEMENI PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT THE POLITBURO AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE RULING NATIONAL FRONT REGIME HAVE BEEN MEETING DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS TO DISCUSS FOREIGN POLICY. THE DHOFAR REBELLION AND RIYADH'S DEMANDS AND PROMISES OF AID WERE ALMOST CERTAINLY A MAJOR FOCUS OF THE MEETINGS. (CONFIDENTIALLY

2. JORDAN-SYRIA: JORDAN AND SYRIA CONCLUDED THEIR
FIRST HIGH-LEVEL TALKS IN AMMAN OUN THURSDAY SINCE THE
TWO COUNTRIES AGREED TO BROAD POLICY COORDINATION DURING
PRESIDENT ASAD'S VISIT TO JORDAN IN EARLY JUNE. 4

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE RELEASED AT THE END OF SYRIAN
PRIME MINISTER AYYUBI'S THREE-DAY STAY INDICATED THAT THE
TWO GOVERNMENTS PLANNED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT ENDUSTRIAL

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Ξ. ALGERIA: ALGERIAN MINSTER OF STATE CHERIF BELKACEN-A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REVUOLUTION AND ONE OF THE FORMERLY INFLUENTIAL "OUJDA GROUP" ASSOCIATED WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE SINCE THE REVOLUTION, HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM HIS POST, ACCORDING TO A TERSE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED YESTERDAY. THE STATEMEN? GAVE NO REASONS FOR HIS DISMISSAL AND DID NOT NAME A REPLACEMENT-4

BELKACEM HAS BEEN OUT OF FAVOR WITH PRESIDENT DOUMEDIENE FOR NEARLY A YEAR. THE TEMPERAMENTAL MINISTER OF STATE WAS REFUSING TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE HE DISAGREED WITH GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND OPPOSED BOUMEDIENE'S INCREASMING TENDANCY TOWARD ONE-MAN RULE. 4

BOUMEDIENE'S REMOVAL OF A FORMER REVOLUTIONARY ASSOCIATE MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS A WMARNING TO OTHER SUBORDINATES TO FALL INTO LINE. LAST MONTH BOUMEDIENE ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION .

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TO REVITALIZE THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, ALGERIA'S SOLE POLITICAL PARTY, AND TO HOLD ELECTIONS FOR A NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY—THE FIRST IN LB YEARS—BY MID—BLF76. BOUMEDIENE MAY MAKE FURTHER MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO TIGHTEN HIS REINS OF AUTHORITY BEFORE TRYING TO USE THE ELECTORAL PROCESS TO LEGITIMIZE HIS GOVERNMENT. {SECRET}Y

4. AFGHANISTAN: ANTI-GOVERNMENT VIOLENCE THIS PAST WEEK
IN SEVERAL PLACES IN AFGHANISTAN WAS APPARENTLY TIMED TO
COINCIDE WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
COUP THAT PUT PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAOUD KHAN IN POWER-4

THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT, A SKIRMISH IN WHICH SEVERAL WERE KILLED, APPARENTLY BEGAN ON JULY 22 IN A VALLEY ABOUT LOD MILES NORTHEAST OF KABUL. ARMY UNITS HAD TO BE CALLED IN, AND ORDER WAS NOT RESTORED UNTIL JULY 25.4

GOVERNMENT FORCES, AFTER INTERROGATING SOME PRISONERS, MOST OF WHOM WERE STUDENTS FROM KABUL UNIVERSITY, ANNOUNCED THAT THE DISSIDENTS WERE "REACTIONARIES" AND THAT THEY DELONGED TO ONE OF SEVERAL TERRORIST GROUPS ARMED AND TRAINED IN PAKISTAN-Y

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ONE SOURCE HAS REPORTED THAT VIOLENCE IN THE VALLEY WAS THE RESULT OF POPULAR DISESTATISFACTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

STILL OTHERS PUT THE BLAME ON AGITATION BY CONSERVATIVE RELIGIOUS LEADERS, WHO HAVE LONG OPPOSED DAOUD, OR ON THE REVIVAL OF A LOCAL DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PREDOMINANTLY TAJIK POPULATION OF THE AREA AND THE RULING PUSHTUNS.Y

THE OCCURENCE OF SOME HALF DOZEN ATTACKS AGAINST

GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS IN OTHER LOCATIONS DURING

THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME, HOWEVER, TENDS TO SUPEPORT

THE VIEW THAT SMALL SABOTAGE UNITS HAVE BEEN WORKING

ACCORDING TO A COORDINATED PLAN, WHETHER OR NOT THESE

GROUPS HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND SUPPORTED BY PAKISTAN, THE

AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO USE THE INCIDENTS AND

REPORTED CONFESSIONS TO BRENEW PROPAGANDA CHARGES AGAINST

PAKISTAN. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2 IMPDET.H

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EAST ASIA BRIEF 119-75.4

1. CHINA: PEKING HAS DENOUNCED SOVIET MOTIVES AT HELSINKI.
A MOVE IN KEEPING WITH ITS STANCE TOWARD THE EUROPEAN SECURITY
CONFERENCE SINCE TALKS BEGAN IN 1972.4

THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, IN A SERIES OF RECENT ARTICLES, HAS CASTIGATED THE CONFERENCE AND THE SOVIET UNION, CHARGING THAT MOSCOW WILL USE THE AGREEMENT TO CONSOLIDATE ITS POWER IN EUROPE AND BRANCH OUT INTO SOUTHEAST ASIA. ONE COMMENTARY IMPLIED THAT THE HELSINKI DECLARATION WOULD NOT RESTRAIN THE SOVIETS FROM USING FORCE, CITING THE SOVIET-LED INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968 AND CLAIMING THE KREMLIN HAD ENCOURAGED INDIA TO DISMEMBER PAKISTAN IN 1971.4

ON JULY 24. PEOPLE'S DAILY WARNED THAT MOSCOW NEITHER
RESPECTS NOR ACKNOWLEDGES ANY RIGHTS OF SMALL- OR MEDIUM-SIZE
COUNTRIES THAT WOULD IMPEDE SOVIET HEGEMONY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
AND SOUTHERN EUROPE. Y

CHINA'S MAIN CONCERN OVER CSCE IS THE EFFECT OF EUROPEAN DETENTE ON ITS OWN SECURITY. IT BELIEVES THAT

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WITH TENSIONS LESSENING IN EUROPE AND AN AGREEMENT POSSIBLE
ON FORCE REDUCTIONS, THE KREMLIN WILL BE ABLE TO DEVOTE
MORE MONEY, MILITARY HARDWARE, AND MANPOWER TO COUNTER
CHINA DIRECTLY. TO PREVENT-WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FROM LOWERING
THEIR GUARD, PEKING HAS CONTINUOUSLY WARNED OF MOSCOW'S
EXPANSIONIST NATURE, MILITARY STRENGTH, AND WILLINGNESS TO
SIGN AND BREAK TREATIES FOR ITS OWN POLITICAL PURPOSES. {CONFIDENTIAL}

2. THAILAND: PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT'S GOVERNMENT WON A KEY VOTE ON ITS BUDGET BILL IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY. IT REPRESENTS THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL HURDLE OF THE FOUR-MONTH-OLD COALITION GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, FACES TWO MORE VOTES ON THE BUDGET BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IS COMPLETED.4

THE ODDS FAVOR THE BUDGET'S EVENTUAL PASSAGE, BUT
KHUKRIT IS LEAVING NOTHING TO CHANCE. HE HAS THREATENED TO
CALL FOR NEW ELECTIONS IF THE BUDGET, WHICH CALLS FOR
SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN BOTH SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS AND
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THE BILL, WHICH PASSED ITS INITIAL REVIEW BY A SLIM
MAJORITY, NOW GOES TO COMMITTEE FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION.
THE LOWER HOUSE IS REMQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION TO VOTE ON
THE BUDGET WITHIN 9D DAYS, AND THE SENATE HAS ANOTHER 9D DAYS
TO ATTACH ITS APPROVAL. IF THESE DEADLINES ARE NOT MET, THE
BILL IS AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED. THESE PROVISIONS WERE INCLUDED
IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION TO PREVENT THE ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING
THE BUDGET RANSOM TO FISCAL OR POLITICAL COMPROMISE. {CONFIDENTIAL}

9. KOREA-UN: SOUTH KOREA'S RENEWED APPLICATION FOR UN

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MEMBERSHIP ON WEDNESDAY IS LIKELY TO PRESENT THE CHINESE AND SOVIETS WITH DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.4

NORTH KOREA HAS OPPOSED DUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE TWO
KGREAS, ARGUING THAT IT MOULD TEND TO RATIFY DIVISION OF THE
COUNTRY- IN THE PAST, MOSCOW AND PEKING HAVE SUPPORTED PYONGYANG'S
POSITION-4

SOUTH KOREAS HAS NOT RAISED THE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE SINCE
1973. THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, SEOUL SAW A POSSIBILITY OF LUINKING
ITS BID WITH THOSE OF THE TWO VIETNAMESE STATES—WHICH HAVE ALSO
APPLIED FOR UN MEMBERSHIP RECENTLY. Y

THE CHINESE AND SOVIETS ARE THUS LIKELY TO COME UNDER CONFLICTING PRESSURES FROM THE NORTH KOREANS AND THE VIETNAMESE. PYONGYANG ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL URGE PEKING-AND MOSCOW TO VETO SOUTH KOREA'S APPLICATION, WHILE THE VIETNAMESE WILL PROBABLY ASK THEM TO AVOID TAKING ANY ACTION THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR OWN APPLICATIONS. {CONFIDENTIAL}; E-2 IMPDET.4

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//GAS: THE GAS DECISION, WHICH ALLOWS HERBERS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES HOW TO RELATE TO CUBA. IS NOT LIKELY TO RESULT IN ANY MAJOR SHIFT IN TRADE PATTERNS BETWEEN HAVANA AND THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA.//4

//CUBA WAS TRADING ON A SMALL SCALE WITH SEVERAL OF ITS LATIN NEIGHBORS EVEN BEFORE THE DECISION. THIS TRADE WILL GROW ONLY MODERATELY. HOWEVER. LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY OF GOODS PRODUCED IN CUBA AND ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA.//Y

//CUBA WILL CONTINUE TO PLACE MAJOR EMPHASIS ON TRABE BITH THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPED NOW-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THE USER AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT THREE FIFTHS OF TOTAL CUBAN TRADE. PROVIDE A RELIABLE MARKET FOR ABOUT LO PERCENT OF CUBA'S SUGAR EXPORTS. AND SUPPLY THE BULK OF ITS IMPORTS OF FOOD-STUFFS AND INTERMEDIATE AND CAPITAL GOODS.//4

//THE HARD-CURRENCY PROCEEDS FROM THE SUGAR SALES IN THE WEST
ARE MOSTLY SPENT IN JAPAN, CANADA, AND WESTERN EUROPE, WHICH SUPPLY
EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY NOT AVAILABLE FROM CUBA'S MEIGHBORS.//Y

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VENEZUELAN OR MEXICAN PETROLEUM. MAGAMA CURRENTLY PURCHASES MEARLY ALL OF ITS PETROLEUM FROM THE WISER AT ABOUT ONE MALF THE WORLD PRICE. NEITHER CARACAS MOR MEXICO CITY HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN SUBSIDIZING CUBAN PURCHASES, WHICH COME TO A PALTRY 185.000 BARRELS PER DAY. COMPIDENTIAL NO POREIGN DISSEND//E-2 IMPDET.:

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PORTUGAL: THE GOVERNMENTAM'S WORRIES OUTSIDE PORTUGAL ARE INCREASING. ACCORDING TO RECENT INFORMATION, THE DEMONSTRATION ON MADEIRA LAST SUNDAY BY THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS CALLING FOR INCREASED AUTONOMY FOR THE ISLANDS AND A REVERSAL OF THE LEFTIST TRENDS IN PORTUGAL ATTRACTED AN ESTIMATED CROWD OF 25,000. THERE WAS ALSO AN INCIDENT WHERE POPULAR DEMOCRATS STORMED THE HEADQUARTERS OF AN EXTREME LEFT-WING PARTY, BUT MILITARY TROOPS PREVENTED PROPERTY DAMAGE OR VIOLENCE. ANOTHER PRO-INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATION IS BEING CALLED FOR SUNDAY.4

PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES-BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR HELSINKI THURSDAY NIGHT-ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW CABINET HAD BEEN FORMED. IN HELSINKI, HE SAID ITS COMPOSITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SATURDAY. Y

THE DELAY IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE CABINET IS INDICATIVE OF THE PROBLEMS PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES DATE: ORIG: UNIT: EXT:

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HAS FACED TRYING TO COME UP WITH A GOVERNMENT MADE UP OF MORE THAN COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS. GONCALVES IS SAID TO BE HAVING PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY FILLING THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE SLOTS. SOME CIVILIAN MARXISTS. INDEPENDENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, HAVE REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT. THEY PRESUMABLY DO NOT WANT TO SQUNDER THEIR REPUTATIONS AS INTELLECTUALS ON A GOVERNMENT THAT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE EFFECTIVE OR LONG-LIVED.Y

GENERAL OTELO DE CARVALHO, SECURITY CHIEF AND MEMBER
OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE TRIUMVIRATE, HAS ORDERED THE REMOVAL
OF 13 MEMBERS OF HIS SECURITY TROUPS BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK
OF "DISCIPLINE, EFFICIENCY, AND POLITICAL CONSCIENCE."

CARVALHO.S ORDER FOLLOWED A STATEMENT UPON HIS RETURN FROM CUBA ON THURSDAY THREATENING MASS ARRESTS. OR EXECUTIONS IF NECESSARY. TO REGAIN CONTROL OVER THE CHAOTIC PORTUGUESE SITUATION. SINCE THE 13 WERE NOT CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY OR PLOTTING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. THEIR REMOVAL MAY HAVE BEEN

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A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TO DISCOURAGE POTENTIAL OPPOSITION TO THE NEW TROIKA ARRANGEMENT AND CABINET-WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE STRONGLY LEFT WING. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT FURTHER PURGES OF DISSIDENTS ARE IN THE WORKS. Y

AMONG THE OFFICERS REMOVED WAS COLONEL NEVES, LEADER OF A COMMANDO REGIMENT THOUGHT TO BE COMPOSED MAINLY OF SOLDIERS WHO HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE LEFTWARD TREND OF THE GOVERNMENT. HIS REMOVAL REPORTEDLY HAS CAUSED SOME UNREST AMONG HIS FOLLOWERS. Y REKERS

IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING ACTS OF VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND THE REPORTED PLANS OF THE SOCIALISTS AND THE CENTER-LEFT POPULAR DEMOCRATS TO HOLD AT LEAST TWO RALLIES THIS WEEKEND, SUCH DISCONTENT AMONG THE SECURITY TROOPS IS PROBABLY CAUSING CARVALHO INCREASING CONCERN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

SPAIN: THE ARREST TUESDAY IN MADRID OF A SPANISH ARMY MAJOR AND SIX CAPTAINS IS APPARENTLY ANOTHER WARNING TO THE MILITARY TO STEER CLEAR OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY-4

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ONE OF THE ILLEGAL OPPOSITION PARTIES THAT HAVE BEEN

PREPARING FOR THE POST-FRANCO PERIOD. A MILITARY SOURCE

DISCOUNTED THIS, INSISTING THAT THE OFFICERS BELONGED TO

ONE OF THE STUDY GROUPS OF YOUNG OFFICERS THAT ARE KNOWN

TO MEET TO DISCUSS SPAIN'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. Y

LAST JANUARY, WHEN POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS WERE
LEGALIZED, THE MINISTERS OF THE THREE ARMED SERVICES
ISSUED A WARNING AGAINST THE IMPROPRIETY OF POLITICAL
ACTIVITY BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON ACTIVE DUTY.
THE ARREST IN BARCELONA LAST FEBRUARY OF A MAJOR AND A
CAPTAIN—ALLEGEDLY FOR PROTESTING THE USE OF THE MILITARY
IN A POLICE ROLE—WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S
DETERMINATION TO HEAD OFF DISSIDENCE IN THE MILITARY.

THE GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING DOWN THE ARRESTS. THE SPANISH MILITARY ARE KEEPING A TIGHT LID ON INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARRESTED OFFICERS, AND THE PRESS IS TREATING THE CASE WITH UNUSUAL CAUTION. THE INTERIOR

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MINISTRY HAS DECLARED THAT THE ARRESTS SHOULD NOT BE

TAKEN AS EVIDENCE OF SERIOUS DISTURBANCES. NEVERTHELESS.

THERE ARE RUMORS OF POSSIBLE ARRESTS IN BARCELONA AND SEVILLE.

THERE WAS A CERTAIN MALAISE ABOUT
THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM ON JULY 21-22 THAT SUGGESTS
SOME POLICIES OF PARTY CHIEF CEAUSESCU CAME UNDER
CRITICISM. THE ROMANIAN LEADER RESPONDED BY SEEKING
TO SHIFT THE BLAME FOR DIFFICULTIES IN THE ECONOMIC
SECTOR AS WELL AS IN THE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM TO A
NUMBER OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH NO
ONE LOST HIS JOB AT THE PLENUM, THE STAGE APPEARS TO
BE SET FOR FUTURE PERSONNEL SHIFTS. Y

THE ROMANIAN LEADER'S OBSESSION WITH MEETING
THE GOALS OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC PLAN AHEAD OF
SCHEDULE DESPITE THE DAMAGING EFFECTS OF THE COUNTRY'S RECENT SEVERE FLOODS HAS PROBABLY INCREASED
HIS VULNERABILITY TO CRITICS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE

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COMPLISHMENTS WITH THE "RESERVATIONS AND SCEPTICISM"

OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE LEADERSHIP. THIS HIGHLY

UNUSUAL ADMISSION FOLLOWS RECENT RUMORS OF FRICTION

BETWEEN UNNAMED MEMBERS OF THE PARTY'S POWERFUL

POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OVER CEAUSESCU'S

DECISION TO INCREASE PRICES CARLIER THIS MONTH AND

THE GROWING BEHIND-THE-SCENES ROLE OF HIS WIFE,

ELENA, IN PARTY AND STATE AFFAIRS.Y

CEAUSESCU'S REMARKS ALSO SUGGEST THAT HE THOUGHT
IT PRUDENT TO GIVE GREATER CONSIDERATION TO THE VIEWS
OF OTHERS IN THE LEADERSHIP BEFORE CALLING FOR CHANGES
AT THE PLENUM. A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL SHIFTS MAY.
HOWEVER, STILL BE MADE. CEAUSESCU CALLED FOR
"DECISIVE ACTION" AGAINST A NUMBER OF LOCAL OFFICIALS
FOR THEIR FAILURES DURING THE FLOODS. A PRIME TARGET

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IS VIRGIL TROFING A WELL-KNOWN CEAUSESCU CRITIC AND THE PARTY FIRST SECRETARY OF BRASOV COUNTY. P

MUCH OF CEAUSESCU'S SPEECH TURNED OUT TO BE A PEP-TACK HEAVILY CACCO WITH REFERENCES TO THE NEED FOR BETTER PARTY ORGANIZATION AND TIGHTER DISCIPLINE. WITH THIS GOAL IN MIND, THE PLENUM REORGANIZED THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, PARCELING OUT SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE PARTY'S POLETICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. #

THE 1976-BU FIVE-YEAR PLAN, AS OUTLINED BY

CEAUSESCU, HOLDS OUT LETTLE HOPE, OF RELIEF TO THE

ALREADY HARD-PRESSED ROMANIAN WORKER. FOR INSTANCE,

IN CONTRAST TO POPULAR EXPECTATIONS, THERE WILL BE

MO SHORTENING OF THE SIX-DAY WORK WEEK. CEAUSESCU

CALLED FOR FURTHER BELT TIGHTENING AND INDICATED

THAT SOME OF THE ECONOMIC GOALS EPELLED OUT AT THE

LITH PARTY CONGRESS LAST NOVEMBER HAVE BEEN RAISED.

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CEAUSESCU ALSO ANNOUNCED TIGHTER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

IN WHAT SEEMS DESTINED TO BE A VAIN EFFORT TO BALANCE

THE NATION'S PAYMENTS POSITION BY THE END OF THE YEAR. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. YUGOSLAVIA-PORTUGAL: KOMMUNIST, THE OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV
PARTY WEEKLY, HAS OPENLY STATED BELGRADE'S MISGIVINGS ABOUT DISUNITY AMONG THE LEADING "PROGRESSIVE" FORCES IN
LISBON AND PLACED THE BULK OF THE BLAME ON THE ARMED FORCES
MOVEMENT.Y

THE WEEKLY ARGUES THAT "IT WOULD BE WRONG
AND DANGEROUS" TO GIVE EXCLUSIVE CREDIT TO THE
ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT FOR "PROGRESS" AND SIMUL—
TANEOUSLY TO DENOUNCE THE SOCIALISTS AS REACTION—
ARIES. THE ARTICLE MILDLY RAPS THE SOCIALISTS,
HOWEVER, FOR "INCORRECTLY" ASSUMING THAT THEY HAVE
A MONOPOLY ON DEMOCRACY-Y

THE YUGOSLAV PARTY ASSERTS THAT THERE IS MUCH MORE AT STAKE THAN A NARROW SQUABBLE BETWEEN POR-

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TUGUESE FACTIONS. TO SUPPORT THIS CONCLUSION,

KOMUNIST LISTED SUCH RELATED CONCERNS AS THE PO
TENTIAL IMPACT OF EVENTS IN LISBON ON THE POST
FRANCO PERIOD IN SPAIN, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE

FRENCH AND ITALIAN LEFT, AND THE DE-COLONIZATION OF ANGOLATY

BELGRADE HAS LONG HELD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS
ABOUT TRENDS IN THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION—PARTI—
CULARLY THE RADICAL PROGRAMS THAT THE PORTUGUESE
COMMUNISTS ESPOUSE. IN ESSENCE, THE YUGOSLAVS
WOULD PREFER TO SEE PORTUGAL REMAIN A STABLE MEM—
BER OF NATO, ESPECIALLY AS THE SOVIETS SEEK TO
TIGHTEN THEIR CONTROL OVER THE WARSAW PACT.Y

THE YUGOSLAVS' DECISION TO PUBLISH THEIR VIEW,

DESPITE THEIR EARLIER SERMONS ON THE EVILS OF FOR
EIGN MEDDLING IN PORTUGAL, PROBABLY REFLECTS BEL
GRADE'S REALIZATION THAT NOBODY IS ABIDING BY THEIR

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